



Garifuna: Basic Spoken Language Structure

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OBJECTIVES

6 sessions

Objective:

At the end of this unit participants will be able to:

- recognize and practice at least two prosodic features of the Garifuna language
- say the Garifuna alphabet
- demonstrate the ability to greet someone and introduce themselves and others in Garifuna to near native like competence.
- Adequately maintain a word list- body parts, family members, and regular verbs
- learn at least ten words
- Count from 1 to 10
- given a verb, construct at least 5 simple Garifuna sentences
- speak fluently for 40 seconds or five sentences.)

Activities:

Produce Garifuna sound structures

Introduce themselves in Garifuna using; Ka biri? And _____ Niribei.

Introduce each other using Anuha/aniha numada _____ And Gundatina nasubudirunibu

Sing Garifuna greeting song

Count from 1-10 in Garifuna and sing the 123 song

Sing the Garifuna number song

construct simple sentences when given an action word.

The vocabulary of **Garifuna** is composed as follows: 45% Arawak (Igneri) 25% Carib (Kallínagu) 15% **French.**”

- CAYETANO

Ti -
buiti

Aaaa aba

Eeeee- eheraha

Oooooooooo – ownaha

Iiiiiiiiiiii – ibi iri

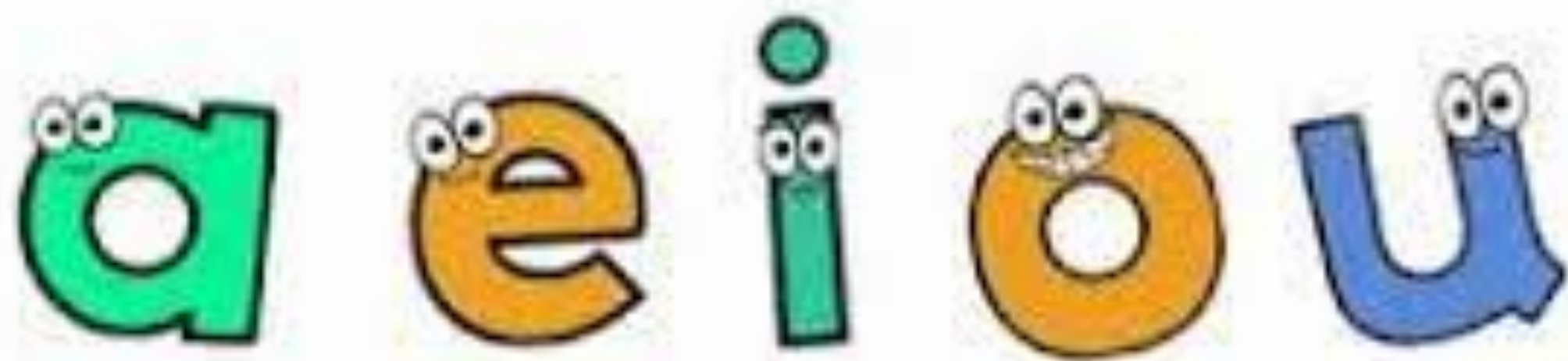
Uuuuuuu - uba

üüü - üdüraü

AÑ-biya
n

Ei -
niribei

The Vowels



Garifuna

Vowels

Aa - garünati



Ee - gayumati



Ii - gagiriti



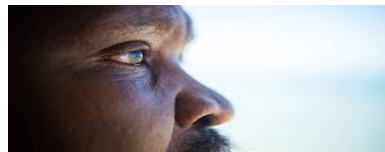
Oo - gararati



Uu - maguti



ü ü- gaguti



Garifuna Alphabet Song

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Lubuña Dimurei Garifunou

A - garünati

B - ba

Ch - cha

D - da

E - gayumati

F - fa

G - ga

H - ha

I - gágiriti

K - ka

L - la

M - ma

N - na

Ñ - ña

O - gararati

P - pa

R - ra

S - sa

T - ta

U - máguti

Ü - gáguti

W - wa

Y - ya

Lesson #2 Wed. 14 July 2021

Today you will.

1. Review the sounds of the Garifuna Vowel

2. Review the Garifuna ABC song

3. Learn greetings in Garifuna

- 7 words to add to vocab list- buiti, binafi, niribei ida, biangi, magadietian, seremein.

4. Learn getting to know you words.

- 3 words - ka, biri, niribei,

5. Learn 4 agglutinating action sentences

- eibuga, chubaba, eibagua, eibaguaba, redeiba

6. Sing an action song

Greetings-

HELLO - MABUIGA

MA/BUI/GA

GOOD MORNING- BUITI BINA FI

BUI/TI BI/NA/FI

MY NAME IS ENITA- ENITA NIRIBEI

NI/RI/BEI

And you?- agi buguya- agi/ bu gu ya

HOW ARE YOU - IDA BIANGI
IDA BI/YAN/GI

I AM FINE - MAGADIETINA

MA/GA/DI/E/TI/NA

I am fine - UWADIGIATI

I AM FINE - UWADIGIATI U/WA.DI/GIA/TI

Thank you.

SEREMEI NIA BUÑ

SE/RE/MEI/NIA/BUÑ

Dr. Surusia

Su/ru/sia

What is your name - Ka Biri ka bi/ri

XX is my name - XX Niribei ni/ri/bei

HOW ARE YOU - IDA BIANGI IDA BI/YAN/GI

I AM FINE - MAGADIETINA

MA/GA/DI/E/TI/NA

And you? - Agi bugiya agi bu/gu/ya

I am fine too - magdietina ge

ma/ga/di/ye/ti/na/ge

THANK YOU - SE/RE/MEI/NIA BUÑ

SE/RE/MEI/NIA/BUÑ

GETTING TO KNOW SOMEONE:

WHAT IS YOUR NAME - KA BIRI

KA BI/RI

ENITA IS MY NAME - ENITA NIRIBEI

NI/RI/BEI

The walking song- Eibuga

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6cJB7k6eEk>

Walk - EIBUGA

EI/ BU/GA

Jump- CHUBABA

Chu/ba/ba

Run - EIBAGUA

◦ EI/BA/GUABA

Stop- - REDEIBA

RE/DEI/BA

Lesson 4 22 July 2021

Objectives;

1. Review letter of the Alphabet
2. Review greeting and introducing yourself by name
3. Bid the time of the day – Buiti- weyu, binafi, Amidiyugu, rambaweyu, guyoung,
4. Introduce someone else- anuha/aniha numada
4. Count from one to ten.
5. Sing the Garifuna 123 song

REview

Mabuiga

Ka Biri bei

XX Niribei

Buiti Binafi

Ida Biangi

Magadietina

Magadietina GE gIEN

Agi buguya

Seremein nia bun

Bidding the time of the day



Good - Buiti - Bui/ti

Morning - Binafi - Bi/na/fi

Afternoon- **Amidirugu** - am/id/iy/ugu
A/midi/u/yu/gu

Evening – **RabaÑweyu-** ra/ban/we/yu

Night --- gyoung - gu/young

Abahūda (Counting)

1	Aban	21	Wein	Aban
2	Biama	22	Wein	Biama
3	Ūrūwa	23	Wein	Ūrūwa
4	Gádūrū	24	Wein	Gádūrū
5	Seingū	25	Wein	Seingū
6	Sisi	26	Wein	Sisi
7	Sedū	27	Wein	Sedū
8	Widū	28	Wein	Widū
9	Nefu	29	Wein	Nefu
10	Disi	30	Darandi	
11	Unsu	40	Biama	Wein
12	Dusu	50	Dimi	San
13	Tareisi	60	Ūrūwa	Wein
14	Katorusu	70	Ūrūwa	Wein Disi
15	Keinsi	75	Ūrūwa	Wein Keinsi
16	Disisi	80	Gádūrū	Wein
17	Disi sedū	90	Gádūrū	Wein Disi
18	Disi widū	95	Gádūrū	Wein Keinsi
19	Disi nefu	100	San	
20	Wein	1000	Mīlu	
		1,000,000	Mīun	

Counting from 1 to 10

1. ABA

2. BIAMA

3. ü/RU/WA garinagu

4. GA/Dü/RU

5. SEN/Gü

6. SI/SI garinagu

7. SE/Dü

8. WI/Dü.

9. NE/FU garinagu

10. DI/SI garinagu ira hun yu

Lesson #6 29 July 2021

Objectives:

1. Review word list
2. Review phrases and vocab from week 1 and 2
4. Introduce agglutinating simple sentences with pronouns N, B,L, T, W, H
with the verbs- aleeha, aburuha, afurenderah, eremuha, abinaha

AGLUTINATING SENTENCES

PRONOUNS

N - I (ME, MY)

B - YOU

L - HE IT

T - SHE

W - WE

H - THEY

VERBS

Read – Halecha A/LEE/HA

Write – Waburuha A/Bü/Rü/HA

Learn - Afurenderah – A/FU/REN/DE/RAH

Sing - HEremuha – E/RE/MU/HA

Dance - NAbinaha - A/BI/NA/HA